

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. A reversible, convertible stadium coat comprising:
 - (a) a garment, foldable into a substantially rectangular parallelepiped shape, having a front, back, sides, top, an open bottom and a first and second surfaces, either of said surfaces being exposed to an outside of said garment at any given time, the top having closed shoulders thereon and an opening therebetween for receiving a wearer's head;
 - (b) a pair of straps made to extend over each shoulder;
 - (c) a strap fastener attached to one side of each end of each of said straps;
 - (d) a pair of first fasteners attached to a lower portion of the back on the first surface for receiving respective strap fasteners, and a pair of second fasteners attached to a top portion of said back on the first surface, one just below each shoulder, for receiving respective strap fasteners, hereby holding the coat in the folded position when said strap fasteners are attached to said pair of first and second fasteners when the first surface is exposed to the outside of the garment;
 - (e) a pair of third fasteners attached to a lower portion of the back on the second surface for receiving respective strap fasteners, and a pair of fourth fasteners attached to a top portion of said back on the second surface, one just below each shoulder, for receiving respective strap fasteners, hereby holding the coat in the folded position when said strap fasteners are attached to said pair of third and fourth fasteners while the second surface is exposed to the outside of the garment; and
 - (f) a handle attached at each end thereof to an intermediate portion of each of the straps for providing a handle when the coat is in the folded position thereof, useful when either surface is exposed to the outside of the garment.

2. The stadium coat of claim 1 wherein said fasteners are comprised of hook and loop fasteners.

3. The stadium coat of claim 1 wherein said fasteners are comprised of snaps.

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4. The stadium coat of claim 1 wherein said fasteners comprise ties.

5. The stadium coat of claim 1 wherein the handle comprises:

10 (a) a fabric pouch; and
(b) a fastener for securing contents of said pouch.

6. The stadium coat of claim 5 wherein the fabric pouch folds in half along a line substantially perpendicular to the straps, said handle additionally comprising fasteners to secure the handle in a folded position.

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7. The stadium coat of claim 5 wherein the fastener comprises hook and loop fasteners.

8. The stadium coat of claim 1 wherein said coat includes sleeves and a hood.

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9. The stadium coat of claim 1 additionally comprising a pair of fifth fasteners, attached to a top portion of said front on the first surface, one just below each shoulder, for receiving respective strap fasteners of the handle for convenient storage of the handle when the stadium coat is worn as a coat.

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10. The stadium coat of claim 1 additionally comprising a pair of sixth fasteners, attached to a top portion of said front on the second surface, one just below each shoulder, for receiving respective strap fasteners of the handle for convenient storage of the handle when the stadium coat is worn as a coat.

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11. A method of providing a handle for a reversible stadium coat that is convertible to a cushion, said handle being used to carry the stadium coat in its cushion configuration, the stadium coat comprising a first and a second surface, one surface 5 being substantially exposed to an outside of the stadium coat at all times, a first pair of fasteners on the first surface on a back of the stadium coat near shoulders thereof, a second pair of fasteners on the second surface on a back of the stadium coat near shoulders thereof, a third pair of fasteners on the first surface on a back of the stadium coat near a bottom thereof, a fourth pair of fasteners on the second surface on a back of 10 the stadium coat near a bottom thereof, the handle comprising two straps, each having a fastener at each of its ends, and a cross member disposed at the middle of the straps, the method comprising:

- (a) choosing which of the two stadium coat surfaces to expose to the outside of the stadium coat;
- (b) fastening first two ends of the straps of the handle to the two fasteners on the back of one of the chosen surfaces of the stadium coat near the shoulders of the stadium coat; and
- (c) fastening second two ends of the straps of the handle to the two fasteners on the back of the chosen surface of the stadium coat near the bottom of 20 the stadium coat.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the fasteners are hook and loop fasteners.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the fasteners are snaps.

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14. The method of claim 11 wherein the fasteners are ties.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein the cross member on the handle may be used as a storage space.